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SUBJ: EMERGENCY SERVICES TO AMERICAN CITIZENS: POST PROFILE,
POZNAN

REF: A-0518

THE FOLLOWING ANSWERS ARE KEYED TO QUESTIONS IN A0518:

1. A. 0830-1700
B. 0830-1700
C. 1200-1400. CONSULAR SECTION STAFFED.
D. 595-86/595-87/598-74
E. REQUEST "CONSULAR SECTION"
F. NO
G. FOLLOWING POLISH HOLIDAYS OBSERVED:
 1. EASTER MONDAY
 2. MAY 1 - MAY DAY
 3. MAY 25 - CORPUS CHRISTI
 4. JULY 22 - POLISH NATIONAL DAY
 5. NOVEMBER 1 - ALL SAINTS DAY
 6. DEC 26 - BOXING DAY
2. A. NO
B. MESSAGES ARE CHECKED ON SATURDAY AFTERNOON BY CONSULATE
PERSONNEL. AMEMBASSY WARSAW CALLS PRIVATE RESIDENCES
OF CONSULATE PERSONNEL, IF NECESSARY, TO TELL OF INCOMING

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- EMERGENCY MESSAGES.
- C. HOME PHONES OF CONSULATE PERSONNEL ARE POSTED IN FRONT
OF CONSULATE AS EMERGENCY NUMBERS. HOME PHONE NUMBERS
ALSO LISTED UNDER "U.S. CONSULATE" IN LOCAL PHONEBOOK.
 - D. CALLS TO NUMBERS LISTED IN POLISH PHONE BOOKS, AND TO
THOSE LISTED IN FRONT OF THE CONSULATE, WILL REACH
U.S. OFFICERS.

3. A. POST HAS REGISTRATION SYSTEM. IT IS NOT HEAVILY USED BY TOURISTS. NEARLY ALL LONG TERM RESIDENTS ARE REGISTERED.
B. NO. HOWEVER SOME MATERIAL IS ON DISPLAY IN AREAS FREQUENTED BY AMERICANS; OTHER HANDOUT LITERATURE AVAILABLE UPON REQUEST. SPARE LIMITATIONS MAKE A BULLETIN BOARD OF QUESTIONABLE UTILITY, BUT IDEA IS BEING EXPLORED.

4. A. CONTROLS IN POLAND MAKE IT POSSIBLE FOR AUTHORITIES TO LOCATE PERSONS. HOWEVER, REQUEST FOR SUCH A SEARCH MUST BE THROUGH A DEPLOMATIC NOTE AND MUST INCLUDE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ABOUT THE PERSON, INCLUDING PPT NUMBER, TRAVEL PLANS ETC. WITHIN POZNAN, AUTHORITIES MAY COOPERATE INFORMALLY.
B. NO FEE.
C. CALLS TO LOCAL HOTELS, STUDENT DORMITORIES, ACQUAINTENCES, RELATIVES, HOSPITALS ETC. OFTEN PRODUCE RESULTS. LOCAL POLICE WILL USUALLY COOPERATE, ESPECIALLY IN POZNAN, BUT IT CANNOT BE GUARANTEED.
D. AS MUCH DATA AS POSSIBLE REQUIRED, INCLUDING NEXT OF KIN. SEARCHES USUALLY NOT INITIATED UNTIL AFTER 24 HRS. TOURISTS MAY BE IN ONE PLACE 72 HRS WITHOUT REGISTRY. OFTEN TOURISTS STAYING WITH FRIENDS NEVER REGISTER.
E. YES. IT CAN BE OBTAINED BY CONSULAR OFFICERS.

5. A. NONE
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B. YES
C. (1). CONSULAR SECTION
(2). CONSULAR SECTION
D. N/A

6. A. AVERAGE TIME 8-48 HOURS. CALLS COULD BE MADE BY CALLING EMBASSY AND HAVING THEM MAKE CALL - IN THAT CASE, AVERAGE CALL ONE HOUR. DOMESTIC PHONES BETWEEN MAJOR CITIES IS ADEQUATE. TO SMALLER CITIES AND RURAL AREAS IT IS HAPHAZARD, AND DELAYS OF HOURS ARE COMMONPLACE.
B. YES
C. 1. ONE DAY
2. GOOD
3. DISPATCHED IMMEDIATELY TO AMEMBASSY WARSAW, WHO RELAYS THEM WITH LITTLE DELAY.
4. TELEX OUTAGES DELAY CABLE TRAFFIC UP TO 48 HOURS APPROXIMATELY ONCE EVERY TWO MONTHS.
5. FUNDS SENT TO EMBASSY MUST BE RELAYED TO CONSULATE. IN ADDITION, MONY MAY BE CABLED THROUGH THE POLISH STATE BANKS. BUT OUR EXPERIENCE HAS SHOWN THIS METHOD TO BE HAPHAZARD IN GENERAL, AND ESPECIALLY SO IN THE SMALLER CITIES IN OUR DISTRICT.

6. BANK HANDLOWY

7. 3-14 DAYS

8. 3-14 DAYS

9. NO AMEXCO IN DISTRICT, NEAREST IN WEST BERLIN.

D. 1. AIR - 10 DAYS

SURFACE - MONTH OR MORE

2. INTERNAL - RELIABLE AND FAST

EXTERNAL - RELIABLE, BUT SLOW

E. ONLY BY DIPLOMATIC NOTE.

7. A. 1. DAILY FLIGHTS (EXCEPT SUNDAYS IN WINTER) BETWEEN

WARSAW AND FOLLOWING DISTRICT CITIES AVAILABLE

ON POLISH NATIONAL AIRLINE: BYDGOSZCZ, KOSZALIN, POZNAN,

SLUPSK, SZCZECIN, ZIELONA GORA. FLIGHTS TO WROCLAW

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WILL RESUME IN FALL 78 AFTER AIRPORT REPAIR.

2. PROBABLY POSSIBLE IN POZNAN, BUT QUESTIONABLE IN OTHER

C CITIES.

3. NOT FEASIBLE.

B. 1. ROADS PATROLLED BY POLICE.

2. MANY, OF ALL TYPES.

C. POSSIBLE, BUT VERY UNLIKELY.

D. POSSIBLE, BUT VERY UNLIKELY.

E. POSSIBLE.

9. INQUIRIES TO THE STATE-RUN MONOPOLY TRAVEL BUREAU, ORBIS, MAY

BE VERY EFFECTIVE. SUCH INFORMATION WOULD PROBABLY READILY

BE GIVEN TO CONSULAR OFFICIALS.

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